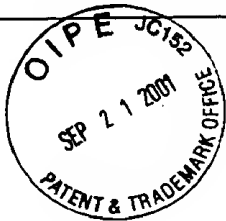


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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application Serial No. 09/688,069
Filed: October 14, 2000
For: Nucleic Acid Sequences to Proteins
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Inventors: Sai S. SUBRAMANIAM *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16515.054 (REN1-00-091 - 52015/01/US)

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Copy of International Search Report issued in PCT/US00/10368;
3. Form PTO-1449 (with 53 accompanying documents); and
4. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time (other than those provided herewith) are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-1824. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Sincerely,

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The attention of the Examiner is invited to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached. These documents were cited in the International Search Report (copy also enclosed) which issued on June 15, 2001, in a related international application.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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Because this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to issuance of the first action on the merits of the above-captioned application, no certification or fee is required.

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